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1. "EL COMERCIO" OF JUNE 18 CARRIED FRONT PAGE STORY ON NEGOTIATIONS UNDER HEADLINE "AN AGREEMENT MAY HAVE BEEN REACHED ON FREQUENCIES BETWEEN AEROPERU AND BRANIFF". THE STORY BEGAN THAT THE "PROBLEM OF FREQUENCIES" BETWEEN AEROPERU AND BRANIFF MAY NOW HAVE BEEN RESOLVED "BY MEANS OF GOOD WILL AND RECIPROCITY", AND THAT THE RETURN OF SENIOR BRANIFF AND AEROPERU OFFICIALS FROM THE U.S., "ALL OF THEM SMILING," GAVE RISE TO REPORTS THAT "EVERYTHING HAS BEEN SETTLED". STORY ADMITTED THAT IT HAD NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO REACH SENIOR OFFICIALS FOR COMMENTARY AND CONCLUDED THAT "IT IS POSSIBLE THAT BETWEEN TODAY AND TOMORROW, SOME OFFICIAL VERSION OF THE AEROPERU-BRANIFF MATTER MAY BECOME KNOWN."

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2. COMMENT: UPBEAT STORY IN "EL COMERCIO" IS THE ONLY

COMMENTARY ON NEGOTIATIONS WHICH HAS SO FAR APPEARED
IN PERU'S GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED PRESS. THIS IS IN
MARKED CONTRAST WITH FIELD DAY PRESS HAS INDULGED IN
AT PREVIOUS STAGES OF CONSULTATIONS. THIS MAY INDICATE
THAT GOP WANTS TO KEEP THE LID ON COMMENTARY TO IMPROVE
CHANCES OF EVENTUAL SETTLEMENT; EQUALLY, IT MAY MERELY
BE ATTRIBUTABLE, AS ARTICLES SAY, TO FACT THAT PRINCIPAL
PERUVIAN ACTORS HAVE MERELY NOT YET BEEN REACHED BY THE PRESS
SINCE THE CONCLUSION OF LAST WEEK'S NEGOTIATIONS.
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